

## Position Qualification for Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services Medical and Public Health

### **PHARMACIST**

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Pharmacist prepares and dispenses drugs that physicians or other health care professionals prescribe
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol> <li>This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Emergency Care Task Force).</li> <li>Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>Discuss need for a pharmaceutical cache</li> </ol>

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	The Pharmacist:  1. Provides information on medication selection, dosing, side effects, drug interactions, contraindications, and use  2. Performs medication reconciliations on patients seen by clinical providers  3. Oversees procurement, security, and proper storage of drugs and vaccines	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Graduate of an accredited pharmacy program	Not Specified
TRAINING	Completion of the following:  1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100  2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200  3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction  4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction  5. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness  6. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection  7. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens	Not Specified
EXPERIENCE	Two years of experience in a healthcare setting such as a pharmacy, hospital, health system, agency, or service commensurate with the mission assignment	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Moderate     Is able to work while wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)     Maintains immunizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's immunization recommendations for emergency responders	The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions.     PPE is mission-specific and may vary by working environment, including protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposures, eye and hearing protection, respirators, gloves, and masks.



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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
CURRENCY	Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every three years     Currently works in a healthcare setting, such as a pharmacy, hospital, health system, agency, or service commensurate with the mission assignment     Immunizations up-to-date and commensurate with mission assignment     Background checks as applicable law permits or requires	Provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include a background check completed within past 12 months, sex offender registry check, and a local, state, and national criminal history.
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	State, the District of Columbia, or US territory-granted active status of legal authority to function as a Registered Pharmacist without restrictions     Current Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registration	Not Specified

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#### **NOTES**

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.

#### **REFERENCES**

- 1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Emergency Care Task Force
- 2. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
- 3. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS), November 2017
- 4. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders
- 5. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
- 6. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
- 7. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted